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SUBJ: SECRETARY MORTON'S JAPAN TRIP

SUMMARY. DURING SECOND JAPAN STOPOVER OF HIS EAST ASIA TRIP, SECRETARY MORTON GAVE SPEECH ON OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT INDEPENDENCE BEFORE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN KYOTO, HELD THREE PRESS INTERVIEWS, AND MET WITH PRIMIN MIKI AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA.

1. IN CALL ON PRIMIN MIKI, SECRETARY MORTON STRESSED BENEFITS ACCRUING TO JAPAN FROM REMOVAL FROM WORLD OIL MARKETS OF U.S. THROUGH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE. PRIMIN INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF SECRETARY'S POINTS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS ASSURANCES THAT U.S. HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING ACTIONS INJURIOUS TO JAPAN'S NATIONAL INTERESTS. PRIMIN ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ANY FRICTIONS IN TRADE AREA COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT UNDULY INTERJECTING POLITICAL FACTORS. SECRETARY MORTON SAID HE COMPLETELY AGREED AND ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT PROGRESS ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE MORE RAPID THAN IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THE PAST. HE SAID PAST PATTERNS OF WAITING UNTIL THE LAST FEW WEEKS TO HAMMER OUT A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

SECRETARY MORTON ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD COME AWAY FROM CHINA WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CHINESE WERE VERY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THEIR FOREIGN TRADE, BUT AGREED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THAT IDENTIFYING SUITABLE CHINESE PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT REMAINED MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK TO MAJOR EXPANSION OF TRADE RELATIONS.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA SECRETARY MORTON OBSERVED THAT HE HAD GAINED IMPRESSION IN CHINA THAT PEKING IS SERIOUS ABOUT BOTH INCREASING PRODUCTION AND BECOMING MORE ACTIVE MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMMUNITY BUT CHINESE APPARENTLY PREPARED TO RELY ON OWN EFFORTS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE RATHER THAN IMPORTING TECHNOLOGY. MIYAZAWA AGREED WITH SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT AND ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT FULL DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE OIL EXPORT POTENTIAL WOULD BE DELAYED BY CHINESE RELUCTANCE TO SEEK TECHNOLOGICAL HELP. MIYAZAWA NEVERTHELESS FELT CHINA IS ON PATH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DESPITE OCCASIONAL ATTACKS WITHIN CHINA FROM THE "LEFT" THAT CHINESE ECONOMIC POLICY IS TOO MATERIALISTIC.

ON U.S. ENERGY POLICY, MIYAZAWA SAID THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY LUKEWARM TOWARDS FLOOR PRICE CONCEPT, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LONG LEAD TIMES REQUIRED FOR BRINGING IN NEW ENERGY SUPPLIES MAY NECESSITATE SOME FORM OF PROTECTION ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT PROVIDED BY EXCLUSIVELY MARKET FORCES. SECRETARY MORTON ACKNOWLEDGED THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING A SPECIFIC FLOOR PRICE AND SPECULATED THAT TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR DOING SO. FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS WITH REGARD TO RAW MATERIALS.

3. PRESS INTERVIEWS WERE CARRIED IN THREE NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND IN GENERAL ACCURATELY REFLECTED SECRETARY'S VIEWS. ARTICLES HIGHLIGHTED SECRETARY'S ASSURANCES THAT U.S. WOULD NOT COMPLETELY PULL OUT OF ASIA AND WOULD CON-
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TINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE AREA.

4. FOREGOING PREPARED AFTER SECRETARY MORTON'S DEPARTURE.
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